

Remarks

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17 and 19-24 are pending in the application. The Office Action mailed May 31, 2007 states that claims 1-6, 8-15, 17 and 19 are allowed. In addition, the Office Action objects to claim 21, and rejects claims 20-24 under 35 USC 103(a). Claims 20-24 have been canceled without prejudice, and without disclaimer of the recited subject matter. Thus, only allowed claims 1-6, 8-15, 17 and 19 remain pending in the application.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes this case is now in condition for immediate allowance of all pending claims (1-6, 8-15, 17 and 19), and such action is respectfully requested. If any issue remains unresolved, however, Applicant's attorney welcomes the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeffrey R. McFadden
Registration No. 46,916**

Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, & Rice PLLC
P.O. Box 7037
Atlanta, GA 30357-0037
(336) 721-3730


**Craig H. Popals
Registration No. 49,028**

Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, & Rice PLLC
P.O. Box 7037
Atlanta, GA 30357-0037
(336) 574-8099

Date: 10/31/2007

Attorney File No.: A10019.0025.7